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Friday noon

My blessed own folks!

Have half an hour before lunch so I'll begin my letter home. It takes so long to write all I want to & to you get such reams I expect you can't waste time then I will write on & even so I never get all I want to say written - Then I forget what I have told you so please excuse repitition.

This week has been a quick succession of brimming full happy days! I just revel in this language work - It is such fun -

tion which can't be changed. Well, anyway, that I am happy here is sure + that I do miss you terribly is equally true —

How much these blessed letters that came last week do mean; How sad home-mail time — while I think of it Eula your letter mailed Sept 27 - along with Mattie's + Daddy Sis of the 20 came here Oct 21 + Mattie of 28 came 22 - doubters on the same boat but delayed a bit in delivery here. —

After supper the ties came + I came up here to just feast on them + have a little weep + then give

I'm not exceedingly brilliant at all but I surely enjoy it immensely! I find myself the more + more loving China + the Chinese and am so happy to be here. It seems to be like all worthwhile things in life the possession of which involves great joy + also great pain + sacrifice. I wonder if it is always true - It is true our experience of the pain by contrast shows us the depths of joy - but it is strange how the one thing can give both pain + joy - isn't it. The joy of being here + all involving sorrow of separa-

Hgod thanks for such a loving wonderful family. I just fairly squealed with joy Daddy Dear to get your precious letter. How fine & brave you all are & so kind to me - to write so soon & often. I can't tell how much you mean to me - your prayers and wanting me to be here & all. Laura Murphens at Yokohama said her mother refused to tell her goodbye & wired her at San Francisco to come Home - She is mighty brave thru it all - I wonder if I'd be - I rather fear not - Your precious mumsie

5] how your letters help me + it is so sweet of you to write so often that I may have letters! I just praise Him for you blessed ones!! Such a good nursy letter Eula, — and in all your nursing babes too. I surely appreciate it + every bit of news! The shields I had n't needed particularly at all! Bless your heart for enclosing a calendar- I wouldn't have had one but one was on a card in Grovers box. — The paper came late at night - I guess the boy put it by the door - I got up about one + had gone to bed so early I was wide awake so I read the paper thru - + then went to bed. I

If the bus clears I had money offered all I wanted to me - maybe third time. This isn't essential at all but if they or anyone have one + willingly give it - I like to spring Betty with it - maybe christmas gift — Speaking of pictures — I had some framed here + they are beautifully done. Horse the one I mentioned, that green water scene, one of Mt Hood, the "famous one you get at crater Lake. Have room well fixed now — pictures up + lamp shades + how they do help. I have my bookcase too; it was 7.50 mex - $3.75 + is made so that I can take it in pieces by taking

6. Monday—
See much the same old grind of Mrs. B. F. Settleminetz bridge etc etc! One would think stupid sicken of such a rapid existence! I did enjoy the paper so! Strange you sent it to President Jackson — after I left but they forwarded it + it came with the 2 ¢ American Stamp or is that all it takes for papers. The picture is lovely I want need it now — but Betty Turner wanted it If you could find some of ladies who have that one pictorial
I have + Bessie — stacks of hay covered with snow with avenue of trees + orange sunset Betty wants it badly —

8) out the end pins. I am so glad to get all unpacked. The most folks have admired the rug Mrs. Hugel gave me. I have my outfit money here + on the exchange I made about $30 so I'll put it into a nice Pekinese rug maybe - I wish I had more to exchange - make more - I didn't mean I need any -

This stamp was on a letter I'll return it + some other Chinese stamps for the boys

Had such a nice surprise Sat eve. when I returned from a trip down town - Miss Tinkham from Pasadena came for the week end - It was lovely to have

her here & had such a good visit & I enjoyed her very much. She says she is entirely well & surely does look the picture of health! Says it it comes to a pass as in is some schools in China (some M.E. I know) where students refuse to take Bible & she can't have it in her course she will leave! of course she is right - they choose the mission & school & at that they choose the Bible too. If the Bible is cut out it becomes education for education sake.

I had a letter from Helen

on the street - to grin the Daily Dingle some day. Little dirty ragged girls in blue pants + coolie coat with hair pulled up in a little bunch + then with wool or string wrapped tightly around it to make it stick out after call "hullo" to us + we can have some fun with it.

This is such a disjointed letter - Hereafter I'll write some from 12:30 daily, else I never get a satisfactory letter off - don't get huff in that I want a daily letter there is much life to question in your

She is doing nicely + likes it.

I felt so burdened for Bud + Bess. When I read your letter Eula but I have just prayed and since last at week I've had such sweet assurance of the answer it maybe for his work. I feel it is but whatever it is the Father is caring for it. What sweet assurance + bliss tho so far away we can thus meet our loved ones + be assured of their needs + blessing

Eula I did write Mrs. Dodge How I praise Him for care of babies + that they are better surely now. —

Betty + Jane going and

mind. Christmas news —
Eula you read here.

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am sending a box to mother & your apron it in it a brass tea stand (Glenn + Jor - a chiney cop - Earl - Hankie holder - Aunt Callie Bib - George Jr.
a box with two little blue feather kingfisher pins — one please send mrs. Worm the other is for mother - The little shoes - Elisabeth - littlest Chiney cop Snookie; Japanese money Robert - clay tea set for Elisabeth. Book of pictures of Peking to Daddy; She must not open til Christmas. All my things off & hope they fit & are satisfactory
Best of love to all
Must study now oh it is hard -
four - Irene

Oct 27
Wed. P.M.

Dearest Ones:
I mailed a letter yesterday but have just read that mail will be closed at 8 a.m. for U.S. that is for the next boat. I figure this will just reach you about Thanksgiving time so I want for sure to get another letter off in that mail. I have just come back from 2 hours of History class. It gets pretty long before it is over but is very interesting. Won't have tea today - as I've been eating a little too much. My tea is quite refreshing & fills a good need in our long time from 12:30 till seven, - dinner. I find myself just eating such

3 a friend was coming. Our teachers always have such fun about the unmarried girls + wives etc + how we all spotted + know which is which. So she was telling it her teacher came in he asked what they were saying — so she said a friend was coming. from U.S. He asked man or women — Then 2 others in class spoke up + said man. Betty blushed + they had fun out of it — Then she didnt tell the class which so they're still asking who is coming + tonight she's going to dress as bride + wear ring etc with sign a married + I'll be or not — neuter — wear trousers + girls blouse with ~~paddle~~ gown pinned on me — + date but still it won't.

quantities & am so sleepy!! That
we were told is part of the
change. It is funny we
blame everything on "acclimi-
tization" - the most usual
form it takes is a continuous
cycle of colds - caused by
awful dust here + all. It
seems to make a circuit -
am recovering now from my
second - less severe than first
so hope hope!

Tonight there is a get ac-
quainted party - all will eat
in one hostel + then march -
(Valentine) Betty + I are going
to have some fun. She got
a cablegram from a girl in
U.S. leaving Nov. 11 for China
In group class she told them

4. answer the question. — about which may sound awfully complicated + not funny after it rides 6 weeks to get there but we had some good laughs over it!

I didn't tell you we began our private teacher lessons 8:45 — all go to a big class "Learn" gives new words — Then go for ½ hr classes either six in a group or with a private teacher. Mine are both ladies and I just love them they are so sweet! One has been or does do evangelistic work in the city one day a week! They are so sweet + we have the best times in class with them tho I haven't sent words to

5] carry a very big conversation;
We had a big time getting boxes
off. Had our things to mail +
The man who answers the telephone
first was going out for boxes
then sent the room boy + he
brought one big box for both
of us but we managed to
put all of Bettys in the big
one + she gave me the little one
she had already. Betty had
to go to customs this P.M. to
get a package so she took
them. I had to go in ricksha
for ½ hr. + then it was lot
of red tape. She went Mon. to
get one package + we just
roared laughing at her
experience. We said it
would take all our Christ

after classes we took a picnic supper & went in rickshas to the temple of heaven — that is in Daddy's pictures. It is dedicated to worship of heaven including Sun, moon, rain, wind storms etc - covers just about - the emperor was only one who could worship there - he went once a year - have had none since 1911. - One enters the white marble altar — in three tiers — & then there is further on a temple for prayer for rain & then real temple of heaven

6.) vacation to get any package out. I believe the amount is $4.50 mex or $3.75 gold which is duty free — they asked her the value — it was $4.00 gold + she paid 15 % mex or 7½ % duty." I forgot too to tell you the street address is not necessary on my letters but be sure to say "Yenching School of Chinese Studies because there is a Yenching University which is separate and six miles out at Peking. Some letters go there if they haven't the "Chinese Studies part on them.

Last Friday after 4 P.M

a huge building on another three tiers of white marble. Such vastness + magnificence really wonderful. The full moon was just rising + we ate our supper in the moonlight. It shone on the marble + was gorgeous. It really was in such a good state of repair as the picture shows - but the moonlight too is kind to blemishes + it fairly gleamed in its beauty. We had fun trying to talk Chinese to the rickshaw coolies coming home. They told us if they were married etc — they thought the English word

for moon highly amusing!
— as we do theirs at times.
Early Thurs. A.M.
I see sun reflected on the
windows & that must be a
pretty omen. I want to
get this off — to you dear
ones on earth!
This Thurs P.M. there is a trip
planned for Western Hills —
They are about 15 mi. west
of Peking. School has a hostel
there & each year a group goes
out — for kind of outing
& discussion & study time —
a Dr. Sherman from Toronto —
I know nothing about him
nor teachings — is to have
lectures on "Life of Jesus"
Will go Fri. eve — return
Sun eve. It will be a

nearest to sound of your own.
mine is "Tan" - Tarapti -
Irene = Ī lēan - or near as I
can put it for you. The
Tan has no meaning. The I
means love + lēan something
about lotus flower + not
fullyblooomed — I didn't get
all he said but something
about my being romantic-
+ beauty — The others said
it was a very good name!
It was quite fun getting it!

The party was very nice.
Had play rooms etc - after
cafeteria supper. Our table
boy amused us so. He knows
our appetite + especially
for ice cream - so he kept

lovely time to go as the leaves will be turning etc. Hope to be outside a lot - even at expense of lectures we need it as one is so much. I didn't feel this the best time to go but there won't be another group going & one can't go alone very well! I'll write upon it later.

The other morning - Sarah Perkins helped me to get the Chinese right to ask "Chiang Jtsien Jtsang" = Dearest for a Chinese name. It was fun - I practised it & then asked him. He gave it to me Monday Thursday to get one of 100 Surnames

watching our dishes + was ready to give us more + even offered us third !! but we stopped
I was so glad for news of Belnap. Sorry weather wasn't better but hope it helped your physical needs - Sorry it was so lonely missie mine just at that time. Isn't it precious that we can look forward to such precious times as our Lord tells us of - but we must fight the good fight here!
How just reread the letter How I appreciate every word Breakfast bell must close - all my love + gratitude to the friends there + the best family on earth -
Bless you all -
Love Jim.

Peking, Sun. P.M. Nov.

Dearest Ones:

I have about half an hour now to begin your letter - then will finish it later - Oh, Joy! two wonderful letters from home, and one from Dr Etta. Marguerite + Julia - Haven't I much to be thankful for?? After our Thanksgiving program I went over to find them! Fortunately I had drunk coffee so I wasn't sleepy - so I read all of them + then went to show them with Betty - Mrs Lad not come yet. - so we sat up late + pawwowed over the day and all.

I wrote last the first of the week - We were quite busy getting ready for Thanksgiving - was on the committee so we were busy

3/ the P.M. rested + practised,
a girl who plays sow, one
with uke + 2 with guitar,
for an hour or more. The
American minister was at
home + said how good only
were weary but promised
ourselves we'd go New Year
day just for the fun of say-
ing we'd been. The decora-
tion committee did so well -
tables had candles + big
plates of fruit. We had
duck, ~~[illegible]~~ hen, pickles + cran-
berries from U.S., + that
was a real treat. The mince
pie was so good! It seemed
very homelike. Then during
the dinner we had toasts
+ humorous speeches; +
afterward a game to
get all introduced + a
program of music, read-
ings and a stunt -
followed by a devotional

2. Had school only three days
Then Thursday a.m. there was
a Thanksgiving Service at the
American Legation gymnasium
at 10:30. with music, scrip-
ture + prayer. Then an ad-
dress by Dr. Stuart of Yen Ching
University. Then most thrill-
ing of all - all sang "America
the Beautiful". I never fully
appreciated that song be-
fore! I never knew how lovely
it is. An orchestra of the
marines played it first +
then I was all too choked
up to sing at all - I can't
explain why nor how I
felt but I trapped up
in all was love for country
+ loved ones + friends with
great thankfulness for being
here in China. Then they
played Star-Spangled banner.
We had lunch here + in

4] service. It was a very lovely ending to the day then to find your good letters. I just feasted on them. Friday A. M. I studied History for several hours - played tennis for about 45 min. + then at 2 o'clock went down to see Mrs. Goforth. I was very surprised + grieved to learn that she was very sick + unable to see anyone at all. I went to a flower shop for flowers to send in. Got lovely white chrysanthemums for 50¢ + 75¢ or 25¢ gold a dozen. I just can't tell the grief + heaviness of heart I felt at my return. She has been such a blessing to us. It seemed that it could not be time for her to be taken. In the time of missionaries lower

5/ ing standards - many not having that spiritual touch which was characteristic of older ones - that she is just so needed. I'll admit there was some personal feeling of my need of her too that made me sad. Betty + I just prayed over it + left it with Him - He knows what is best + what a great blessing too for her to be with Him + not suffering. I couldn't seem to be really at ease Till Sun. a.m. but, even now I don't know whether she will be needed or not but I can trust Him for the best; that verse came with such force "I have seen thy tears + heard thy prayer." When we saw her at the hospital on Sunday P.M. for a few minutes she

7. so! While I am speaking of her - I will also tell of Sun. a. m. after our class which went nicely — Dr. Goforth spoke on "Paramount Importance of Prayer" at the home of the Austrian minister It was a testimony in itself to see him in the face of her illness + unavoidable strain - to speak with such calm + power +. It was a wonderous message, too! We wished more could have heard it! Did I tell you that there is talk of giving us Ichang station to Minister the Canadian Continuing Board The field is new + never been properly manned + so they may give it to that Board. It is just about 30 miles from Yihsien. It would be

Worked us still to pray + said that Dr. Goforth didn't believe it is time for her work to be over. I ~~have~~ believe even in her weakness she spoke of the Master + said, "dear girls" "don't ever lower your standards." Betty + I said on the way back how sweet the Lord was to give us that touch with Dr Luce will feel a bit alone in some ways — that is in spiritual atmosphere as compared with M.B.J — just now when there are some rather leaning on us to help them + we feel often too the drain + pull just of heathenism we can rather lean on her — in a sense — for inspiration Not in the least to substitute "looking up to Him" to "looking to Him" — but out of her rich life and experience she can help us

8/ ~~it~~ so marvelous to be
that near them. I guess I'll
now this would just continue
with them if they wished.
Soo, he said this much of
Feng Yuxiang that he is
desperately in need of prayer
that he is so busy + said
a certain chinese had sent
telegram after telegram to
him pleading with him to
reinstate Christ as Lord of
all. He said he needs prayer
Can't say for sure anything
else concerning him. There
are many conflicting reports but
Mr. Goforth may be able to
say more when he comes here
Sun. Eve. to speak to the
Language School Students.

Sat. P.M. one of the men of
the Canadian United Church
asked me to go to Yen Ching

9/ University with him to play tennis with some of Yen Ching people. There were six of us. They rented a motor car - supposed to run at least - it ran anyhow. After we sat about 5 min for him to start it while a great crowd collected + all peered wisely (or less) under the hood! Its springs surely were springless + we simply went to bottom before we began on the bumps. It was funny - at least we laughed enuf to gain 10 pounds if the old adage is true! They have it completed the university buildings but have some up - They are a mixture of foreign + chinese. They are of brick — 2 stories on Chinese house plan with the wonderful Chinese roofs with great windows on the

11 canvassed all Americans ~~they took~~ as many marines as possible for ~~thanksgiving~~ Dinner Sun. Eve. Then they invited as many girls as could be found. There were 3 officers & 7 marines. They get so lonely here. They don't see the nice side of the Chinese nor Chinese homes, & because officers much ostracized in foreign homes so they do feel the length of time - especially some have been here 2 or 3 years. Some of Americans have done much to help them. The Guard Y. M. C. A. has a dance every week - some of girls here go - trying to find themselves into thinking they are doing great service to them - Well, of

10. South side + the usual Chinese custom of none or few tiny ones on north. The north wind or as strong & cold it really is wonderfully wise to have few windows. These south exposures made warm sunny cheerful rooms! We didn't see the inside of the building as we played till about five & then had tea at the home of the girl (Sipladies line there) who is Sec. to president. Then bumped our way back to Peking arrived after exercise for a few days + a real chance for our vertebrae to be loosened!

Sunday Eve. we were invited out to dinner to help entertain American marines. The Sec. of Y. M. C. A. had

Of course they may be but I rather think they enjoy the dancing too. But I'm not judging them - must to keep myself straight. However I was glad to go to Mr. + Mrs. Edwards. Aside from pleasure of being in their pleasant home + the wonderful dinner, I do know the marines do get lonely!! They have had a stunt night as part of a dance each year - + the Language School girls were in charge of the stunts. Betty's had to decide that of course just stunts + fun are all right + I'd have helped with them had they been just that - but all know it is a bit of enter

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ment preceding the dance
so we had to say no —
It seems to be such circum-
stances in which we feel
the pull away from our
ideals. I don't mean this
in way of discouragement
nor want it to sound so —
I do not mean to insinuate
all missionaries in my general
statements about coldness of
spiritual life nor does it
include all here in language
school but it does in
a definite way apply to
some. I haven't had wide
ent experience nor deep ent
personal acquaintance to
say so I don't want to be
quoted on it. I just tell
this to you dear ones to
help you to pray for us.
This letter seems to be a

Dec. 1 Wed. P.M.

15] every two weeks + then once in a long while every week like this it surely made good time. Mumsie darling two letters from you. Nov. 8 + 10 — less than a month — one from Dickie, Isabel, Uncle Arthur + Aunt Glennie, I just kept wishing class would end so I could read them !! After tea played a few games of deck Tennis out in the good cool air + ~~how worked my hair~~ — + reread + reread my letters: I'll try to get this off soon, so you'll have a letter. Oh yes, Mumsie how you sent Warren any copies of letters. I had a letter from DeEtta. She asked about everything + if you have some to send it will save me doing it all over again.

Along drawn out such our time. Yesterday P.M. after 4:30 class we went down to see Mrs. Goforth. I am glad to say she looks much improved. I guess it must be spray she said anyway. She was saying how she longed sometimes for a bit of roast mutton - & a little gravy on bread. For 2 or 3 years she's just lived on gruel & liquid diet - I don't know just what - Then it came to me how little we are thankful just for food & ability to enjoy it.

Then between history hours today - we have it from 2-4 the postman came in with such a pack of letters - See that is a little less than a week since the last ones. Sometimes we get it

14th. Such a joke. They opened their Christmas package the minute it came in Oct. so did Marquerite + Isabel! Imagine!! How I enjoyed the account of all the details of Eula's + Ray's leaving. It must have been a busy time for all. Wonder if she'll the way all helped them + the nice farewell. I too enjoyed the clipping from paper of their leaving. Woodburn will miss them for sure.

Bless your mumsie darling + Daddy. It will be lonely + I'm sorry but I'm sure + someway will fill the empty places. Glad you had the visit from Dr. Simpli.

Hope the dress + hat are all right dear. I mean that you can find one soon.

17. You've never mentioned what Bud is doing + whether Bee is teaching. You said they have a phone – I wondered if for his work –

My, I'm most overwhelmed at the thought of the letters all being published getting into the Oregonian // Did they put pictures of Japan in too. I hope so. I read it very carefully + anything which might not be understood. I'm glad that they can be of some use + if they enjoy them I don't mind at all.

Mother dearie, I laughed when you spoke of not doing much in the yard for I thought of the way we teased you about "being the peach tart" – It is too hard for you dear. Tania Daddy Si + is the said well? Do take good care of yourself!

19 Sweetest mumsie dear
don't worry about my not
getting mail - I guess most
of it gets thru - you've been
so faithful & I feel sure
every big mail I'll have some
from you - it comes sometimes
as I said several all at once
but that is the steamers delay
not yours. None could be
more sweet about writing
I've felt unusually well
the only thing I notice is
feeling quite tired in the
evening but guess that is
to be expected as I get up
at 5.30 & our days are full
& all say the extreme
attention we must pay is
most tiring. Mr. Pettus, the
principal says language
work is very fatiguing.
Then when I think of my
habit of going to bed at
nine most of last winter

18 Yes. I remember Mr. Hanna
Must be careful in using
working machine, wringer etc.
Since the "engineer is gone"
Hope Mrs. Clark is better. Thank
her for news of the Chime boy.
Tell Mrs. Norman I have it
had the joy of the dress parade
as yet. The time for such
things will come out in the
country work I guess. Our
dormitory is for too modern
for that at present. Tell her
I'll duly inform her the minute
it comes. Tell Mrs. Noyes
so many have admired
that brown wool dress with
green on it + Mrs. Hugel
Conrad has cast envious
eyes at my right is such a
joy. I just stopped to wind
Aunt Callie's clock. She and
was in the other day when
it struck + she was so
interested — Loo — in yours
+ Hadley's pictures.

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P. M.

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2.1. more than likely I shan't be going to Yihsien because the paper said Express will be taken off - & even if it isn't it might be a few days after 3rd leave. Things are very unsettled and it is pretty hard to predict what might happen. Then it will such an expense I rather wonder if it is justified - Tho there is so much I need to know from them but will see later.

Yes, there is a Language school at Nanking. Helen is there. The dialects differ so - hers is more like the one at Nanking. Glad too to hear of Eula + Roy liking it at Roseberg. I hope it will be very truly a work of God there then there.

Our Cheng Hsien Station has

23/ today that the woman
beseeching Shanti for her-
Of course Christians have
taken the Chinese name for
god + there may be the
old idea of Shanti not the
new she meant; however
we're praying about it.
We have new private teacher
now, very sweet + good
teacher. We change each
month.
The other day in class we
heard a shrill + thermusical
sound + it was explained
that Chinese tie these little
whistles on pigeon's tails
+ let them fly - just be-
cause they enjoy the sound.
Mr. Li at our S.S. class
told us that Chinese love
to be wakened by them
in the morning! It is

22] missed a couple of days this week & we just feel so upset with him away for no one else can get the meanings over to us as he can. He came the second morning all dressed up! We are seeing some of his Chinese coats we heard of. The long coat of purple silk lined with lovely lambswool & over it a short black silk coat We learned since that his wife is really very ill & he was taking her to the Doctor I guess. Something affecting her eyes — We feel so sorry for as we are sure whether they are Christians or not. However our private teacher said

24/ quite quaint.
Dearme, truly I fel I jist will never be able to live thru the winter if something dosnit happen for the beggars on the streets. Seth poor crop + soldiers taking what little was lef just forced thousands of country folk into Peking to swell the ranks of the already big group of professional beggars. I dont fel quite so badly for the latter; many are well + husky + could work but yesterdays paper said several soup kitchens had been open + 10,000 was the number already being cared for' often women carrying little babies run after rickshas + beg. We are told not to give them money — one copper would do nothing

25 for them + one could give all + not make a ripple in it giving to them. We have given to famine fund for their food etc - but it is just heart rending to see them in filthy rags + dirtier faces - + with often open sores The old ladies especially just break my heart. We all pray with the Lord would soon come to right all of the big, big problems which we can never solve alone.

I said before I was enclosing stamps but I must have forgotten them as I found them. One is Danish — Swedish I mean. We got the little red Chinese character from a man here. The round is a conventionalized character for long life - the other the

24 to all the precious
friends + loved ones +
you've no conception how
it helps to realize so
many are praying for
me. The Bethel-morning
hour is so precious, too
I pray for all of you daily;
loads + loads of love to
all. I praise god that
He is so faithful + has
answered your prayers
for us + will solve
China's problems!

Bye, dearest ones, I love
you so + long for you
but still have unbounded
joy + peace in being
here. God bless you.

Jean.

double character happiness
often used at weddings.
+ the Phoenix is the symbol
of the Empress of China.
You may use them anyway
you can or wish!

This should reach you
pink about Christmas time
I hope the various things
arrived there safely + that
they fit - I shall be so sorry
if they don't. Will Enda +
Ray be home Christmas? I
hope so. Let's see you'll be
at Swaps's. I wish all the
very merriest of christmas
times + all the joy of
the season. But most
of all a year of greater
love for the Master + a
sweeter closer walk
with Him. My love

9. — General letter to Sun Sun
follow Page 28. Before
Buddist Beasts. This letter
grows almost formidable
in length - But must add
some. Sat. P.M. went to
tea at the mission two homes
were "at Home"; It was just
so nice! They are the loveliest
folks - every time I go out I
enjoy them all the more.
When I came back Mr. Lee -
of the Student Center was here.
Said he'd worked a couple weeks
getting things classes organized
+ that he'd used pretext of
meeting Americans; improving
English etc to get them. But
while were to put in the
Bible work indirectly at

we can really get Bible in + hold the boys + interest. How little we felt as we started out. We have to make our English very simple — but we just have it!!

Must get in now to rest. We've succeeded in getting a little prayer group started — meet here. 6:30 - 7 - How we need more spiritual atmosphere here. God will answer your prayers I am sure for it!

B. first were to get it in-
Said students - even Christian
students have a strange
spirit - developed in the
last couple years - a almost
antagonism to Bible etc -
+ that it is very difficult.
We found a small group
this a.m + had such a
good time with them -
just getting acquainted
+ seeing friendship as a
basis + Christ as friend
Next Sun. I'll take guitar -
they were keen to learn
English choruses -
they'd have gospel in
them too! But please
pray about it - that

Nitty nitty my precious
loved ones! How I prave
Him for you + all your
sweetness, bravery,
+ love for me -
all my love -
Bye -
Irene